

Remarks:

The specification has been amended to capitalize the trademarks CHEMFOS[®], CHEMSEAL[®] and POLYCRON[®].

Claims 1-45 are currently pending in the application. Claims 13-28 and 30-45 have previously been withdrawn from consideration as not being directed to an elected species. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 18-20, 29 and 35-36 are canceled, claims 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 21, 30, and 37 are amended, and new claims 46 and 47 are added.

Applicants believe the amendments made herein add no new matter. Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based on prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to be attached thereto. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

New claim 46 is added to more clearly define the invention and essentially combines the subject matter of claim 1 with the subject matter of claim 3, which has been determined to be allowable by the Examiner. New claim 47 essentially replaces claim 29 and includes the subject matter of claim 3. In short, independent claims 46 and 47 contain subject matter that the Examiner indicated as allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that all claims pending in the application are allowable. As the base claims 46 and 47 are allowable and all dependent claims depend directly or indirectly from one of the dependent claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable, including the withdrawn claims.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art of record. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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